

# Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA) Program

## 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

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The **Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA)** is provided to military-friendly schools that display a major commitment to serving military-connected families and students. For a school to be honored with the Tennessee Purple Star School Award, the school must complete all of the Required School Activities and one of the Optional School Activities which are listed below.

**The Purple Star School Award is a partnership between the Tennessee State Board of Education and the Tennessee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (TN-MIC3).**

### ☆ Required School Activities

A school must complete **all** of the following activities and provide evidence of completion.

- The school must have an assigned staff Point of Contact (POC) for military-connected students and families.
- The school-based POC must complete a professional development course or session that covers topics outlined by the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) or special considerations for military-connected families and students.
- The school maintains a dedicated webpage with support materials and information for military-connected families and students.
- A school must complete **one** of the following activities and provide evidence of completion.
  - Professional development regarding the special considerations and supports available for military-connected families and students is held.
  - A Resolution passed by the school board publicizing the school's support for military students and families.
  - Host an annual military-friendly program.
  - Other activities as deemed appropriate.

### ☆ Timeline

- November 1 - February 1 - Applications available at [Tennessee MIC3 PSSA Information](#)
- February 1 - All applications are due. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- April - Schools receiving the award will be announced

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### Questions Regarding the Award?

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